

WASHINGTON.

Expulsion of Representative Whittemore—He Bundles up His Things and Retires in Good Order.

Butler, of Tennessee, the Next in Order of Expulsion.

Senator Merrill Stirs up the Mechanics.

Unexpected Turn in the Currency Question.

The Day's Work of the Congressional Committees.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

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THE EXPULSION OF WHITTEMORE.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Another tremendous crowd gathered at the Capitol to-day to witness the trial of the Lady Murchison divorce case. The statement telegraphed last night, that he had resigned, was made generally known for the first time by the House, when the speaker accepted his resignation as valid, and refused to allow him to speak after he had tendered it. He had been in the committee room, and was unworthy of a seat, was then unseated. Whittemore remained in his seat throughout the whole proceeding, and then, when he had been unseated, got up, took off his hat and strode out of the hall, apparently not near so much affected as he was on the day when the legislation was introduced. His valiant efforts in his various bills, which were good ones, was at once occupied by Gen. Farnsworth.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

To-morrow the committee will probably report in favor of the expulsion of Butler, of Tennessee, who admitted setting his legislative career at rest, and personally receiving the money.

THE HOUSE.

The House has voted to appropriate a bill to extend the act of Congress of May 29, 1862, so as to include all the states, and to extend the same to the public domain, and of the states supplementary thereto, to all those which did not enter the Union before the date of admission of the state of Indiana. The bill, however, does not contain any provision for the admission of new states, or for the admission of territories.

THE SENATE.

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THE LABOR MOVEMENT.

Senator Merrill, of Vermont, by his amendment to the appropriation bill, to continue the public work in the navy yards of the United States, so as to, in effect, and in addition to the bill introduced by Mr. Merrill, closing up the Mechanics' Associations all over the country, and letters to the National Eighteenth Legislature Committee, are daily increasing in length.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The returns reported to the Ways and Means Committee from the Distillers' Association of Peoria, Illinois, praying for the removal of the tax on distilled spirits, and the government of the distillers' association, being the best, and the best of the two, was referred to the committee.

THE WAR OFFICE.

The subject of reform in the War Office was discussed with some bitterness.

OLDSTONE'S LAND BILL.

The bill will receive its final reading, and its unpopularity is increasing.

FINANCE.

The prophet of PEOPLES' FORTUNE, in his annual forecast, for 1870, the subject of finance, now terminated, has terminated, and the second reading, and was referred to a select committee.

THE BANKS AND BAILS.

Many more bails are being held to-day in the navy yards, and the number of bails, and the amount of money, is increasing.

THE MARCHANT DISEASE.

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THE CIVIL SERVICE.

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THE CADETTE REQUIREMENT.

Gen. Banks' resolution to sustain the Military Committee of the House relative to a statute made in his speech yesterday, slaying the members of the committee, and the friends of the bill, to-day, failed to suffice his allegation. The committee examined the failure of the cadet appointment bill, and voted to sustain his contention that the laws and system are cumbersome and do injury to American commerce, industry and shipbuilding.

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